



Utility Pavement Cut Fees

Background:

Beginning August 12, 2022 the City of Pacifica will be imposing Utility Pavement Cut Fees on encroachment permits who make cuts into City roads. In 2021, the City undertook a study that empirically showed negative impacts of cutting into the City roads, quantified those impacts in present day dollars, and subsequently City Council passed Resolution 28-2022 to codify assessing fees into the [Municipal Code § 7-2.214](#). These fees go directly into the City's annual repaving and resurfacing project, to learn more about that program, please visit the [City Streets Maintenance Program site](#).

Exceptions

If your project falls under the following exceptions, you may be exempt or qualify for reduced cut fee:

1. *Sewer Lateral Grant Program*: If you are in the Sewer Lateral Grant Program, please submit your letter of acceptance with the encroachment to be eligible for the fee to be reduced to a flat rate of \$500.
2. *Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)*: Utility Pavement Cut Fee shall not be charged for any pavement cuts required for an ADU that is under 750 square feet or an ADU of any size when the ADU is being constructed at the same time, under the same permit, as a new main residential unit or an expansion of the main unit that make payment of the fees as required.
3. *Partial or Full Credit Utility Cut Fees for Developments with Pavement Improvements*: A credit may be applied against the Utility Cut Fees for completing frontage roadway paving.

How to Estimate:

Below is a table of some common trench sizes with adjoining fees **if the site is on a residential road, the cut is less than 10% of the block, and the pavement age is older than 10 years** (majority of cases). This will allow you to roughly estimate the fee but all site's needs are different and may not match perfectly.

Type	Length (ft)	Width (ft)	Fee
Pothole	1	1	\$ 250
Sewer Lateral	4	4	\$ 640
Large Sewer Lateral	5	5	\$ 810
Utility Install	15	2	\$ 1,140
Far Utility Install	25	2	\$ 1,740
Joint Trench	20	5	\$ 2,160

Below will lay out how you can estimate the Utility Pavement Cut Fee yourself, however if you wish you may email engineering@pacificagov with the address of work and estimated length and width of the pavement cut and we will provide you with an estimate. Please note that fees and pavement age change annually, thus this is to help estimate, actual fees may be different.

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Basic Steps

1. Find out what the unit cost will be for the road. To do this you need to:
 - a. Find out if the road being cut is classified as an arterial/collector or residential road.
 - b. Find out the age of the pavement on the road.
 - c. Estimate whether the cut will be over or under 10% of the area of the block.
 - d. Use table to find correct unit cost.
2. Find out the estimated length and width of your cut and estimate if it is under or over 10% of the block's area.
3. Use the below formulas based on answer to number 2 with information from 1 & 2.
 - a. If under 10% (typical), use the following formula:

$$\text{Cut Fee (\$)} = \frac{(\text{Length of Cut (ft)} + 4 \text{ ft}) \times (\text{Width of Cut (ft)} + 4 \text{ ft})}{0.10} \times \text{Unit Cost}$$

- b. If over 10% (atypical), use the following formula:

$$\text{Cut Fee (\$)} = \text{Full block area (Sq. Ft.)} * \text{Unit Cost}$$

Detailed Steps

1. Find out what the unit cost will be for the road

- a. If the cut is on the list of following roads, it is an arterial/collector, if not, it is a residential road.
 - i. Adobe Drive
 - ii. Crespi Drive
 - iii. Fassler Avenue
 - iv. Francisco Boulevard
 - v. Gateway Drive
 - vi. Hickey Boulevard
 - vii. Inverness Drive
 - viii. Lerida Way
 - ix. Linda Mar Boulevard
 - x. Lundy Way
 - xi. Manor Drive
 - xii. Manzanita Drive
 - xiii. Monterey Road
 - xiv. Oceana Boulevard
 - xv. Oddstad Boulevard
 - xvi. Palmetto Avenue
 - xvii. Peralta Road
 - xviii. Reina Del Mar Avenue
 - xix. Roberts Road
 - xx. Rockaway Beach Avenue
 - xxi. Rosita Road
 - xxii. Sharp Park Road
 - xxiii. Terra Nova Boulevard

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- b. If the address is on the following segments of road, it is under 10 years old, if not then over 10 years old.

RoadName	BegLocation	EndLocation	Age of Pavement
Acacia Court	REDWOOD WAY	CUL DE SAC	1
Adobe Drive	ROSITA RD	LINDA MAR BLVD	1
Alta Vista Drive	CUL DE SAC (WEST)	LADERA WY	1
Alta Vista Drive	LADERA WY	ESCALERO AVE	1
Alta Vista Drive	ESCALERO AVE	LA MIRADA WAY	1
Andorra Court	CRESPI DR	CUL DE SAC	1
Anza Drive	ARGUELLO BLVD	DE SOLO DR	1
Arguello Boulevard	ANZA DR	DE SOLO DR	1
Arguello Boulevard	DE SOLO DR	PERALTA RD	1
Arguello Boulevard	PERALTA RD	LINDA MAR BLVD	1
Cadiz Court	ESCALERO AVE	CUL DE SAC	1
Cervantes Way	ARGUELLO BLVD	ANZA DR	1
Chico Court	ESCALERO AVE	CUL DE SAC	1
Crespi Drive	LADERA WAY	DE SOLO DR	1
Crespi Drive	DE SOLO DR	PERALTA RD	1
Crespi Drive	PERALTA RD	SEVILLE DR	1
Crespi Drive	SEVILLE DR	LA MIRADA WAY	1
Crespi Drive	LA MIRADA WAY	TAPIS WAY	1
Crespi Drive	MANZANITA DR	LERIDA WAY	1
Crespi Drive	LERIDA WAY	FASSLER AVE	1
Dell Road	PERALTA RD	STANDISH RD	1
De Solo Drive	MONTEZUMA DR (EAST INT.)	LINDA MAR BLVD	1
De Solo Drive	LINDA MAR BLVD	CRESPI DR	1
De Solo Drive	MONTEZUMA DR (NORTH)	MONTEZUMA DR (SOUTH)	1
Driftwood Circle	FASSLER AVE	FASSLER AVE	1
Driftwood Court	DRIFTWOOD CIRCLE	CUL DE SAC	1
Elm Court	LERIDA WAY	CUL DE SAC	1
Encanto Way	ARGUELLO BLVD	FERNANDEZ WAY	1
Escalero Avenue	MARVILLA CIR (EDGE COBBLESTONE)	PERALTA RD	1
Estella Drive	FASSLER AVE	DEAD END	1
Everglades Drive	TERRA NOVA BLVD	PICARDO CT	1
Everglades Drive	PICARDO CT	PARK PACIFICA AVE	1
Everglades Drive	PARK PACIFICA AVE	ODDSTAD BLVD	1
Fassler Avenue	Driftwood Cir	Crespi Dr	1
Fassler Avenue	TERRA NOVA BLVD	DEAD END	1
Fernandez Way	ARGUELLO BLVD	DE SOLO DR	1

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Flores Drive	MONTEZUMA DR WEST INTERSECTION	MONTEZUMA DR EAST INTERSECTION	1
Kendall Court	EVERGLADES DR	CUL DE SAC	1
Lerida Way	TERRA NOVA BLVD	REDWOOD WAY	1
Lerida Way	REDWOOD WAY	1670 ft N/O Spruce Ct	1
Lerida Way	1670 ft N/O Spruce Ct	CRESPI DR	1
Linda Mar Boulevard	PERALTA RD	ADOBE DR	1
Marvilla Place	ARGUELLO DR	MARVILLA CIR	1
Marvilla Circle	MARVILLA PLACE	END OF LOOP	1
Mason Drive	TERRA NOVA AVE	240 ft E/O Victoria Way	1
Mason Drive	240 ft E/O Victoria Way (COP)	DEAD END EAST OF VEGA CT	1
Miranda Court	TERRA NOVA BLVD	CUL DE SAC	1
Montezuma Drive	DE SOLO DR	PERALTA AVE	1
Navarre Drive	DE SOLO DR (WEST)	DE SOLO DR (EAST)	1
Noriega Way	FLORES DR	FLORES DR	1
Oviedo Court	SEVILLE DR	CUL DE SAC	1
Peralta Road	SAN PEDRO TERRACE	LINDA MAR BLVD	1
Picardo Court	EVERGLADES DR	CUL DE SAC	1
Poplar Avenue	LERIDA WAY	DEAD END	1
Redwood Way	BANYAN WAY	LERIDA WAY	1
Redwood Way	BANYAN WAY	LERIDA WAY	1
Redwood Way	LERIDA WAY	CUL DE SAC	1
Serena Drive	LADERA WAY	ESCALERO AVE	1
Serena Drive	ESCALERO AVE	LA MIRADA WAY	1
Seville Drive	LINDA MAR BLVD	OVIEDO CT	1
Seville Drive	OVIEDO CT	CRESPI DR	1
Spruce Court	LERIDA WAY	CUL DE SAC	1
Standish Court	STANDISH RD	CUL DE SAC	1
Standish Drive	PERALTA RD	STANDISH CT	1
Vega Court	MASON DR	CUL DE SAC	1
Victoria Way	TERRA NOVA BLVD	MASON DR	1
Escalero Avenue	PERALTA RD	CRESPI DR	2
Escalero Avenue	CRESPI DR	CORONA DR	2
Escalero Avenue	CORONA DR	CORONA DR	2
Monterey Road	OCEANA BLVD	HICKEY BLVD	2
Oddstad Boulevard	PARK PACIFICA	MUIR WAY	2
Oddstad Boulevard	MUIR WAY	BIG BEND DR	2
Oddstad Boulevard	BIG BEND DR	1116 ODDSTAD BLVD.	2

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Oddstad Boulevard	1116 ODDSTAD BLVD	ST LAWRENCE DR	2
Oddstad Boulevard	ST LAWRENCE DR	CAPE BRETON DR	2
Oddstad Boulevard	CAPE BRETON DR	CUL DE SAC	2
Peralta Road	LINDA MAR BLVD	CRESPI DR	2
Terra Nova Boulevard	ODDSTAD BLVD	ASPEN DR	2
Terra Nova Boulevard	ASPEN DR	ALICANTE DR	2
Terra Nova Boulevard	ALICANTE DR	LERIDA WAY	2
Terra Nova Boulevard	LERIDA WAY	430FT NORTH OF EVERGLADES DR	2
Terra Nova Boulevard	430 FT N. OF EVERGLADES DR	VICTORIA WAY	2
Terra Nova Boulevard	VICTORIA WAY	FASSLER AVE	2
Linda Mar Boulevard	ADOBE DR	SOLANO DR	3
Linda Mar Boulevard	SOLANO DR	ALICANTE DR	3
Linda Mar Boulevard	ALICANTE DR	MADEIRA DR	3
Linda Mar Boulevard	MADEIRA DR	ODDSTAD BL	3
Oceana Boulevard	MILAGRA DR	AVALON DR	3
Oceana Boulevard	AVALON DR	MANOR DR	3
Palmetto Avenue	CLARENDON RD	MONTECITO AVE	4
Palmetto Avenue	MONTECITO AVE	PALOMA AVE	4
Linda Mar Boulevard	ST HWY 101	DE SOLO DR	8
Linda Mar Boulevard	DE SOLO DR	PERALTA RD	8
Linda Mar Boulevard	PERALTA RD	ADOBE DR	8

- c. Estimate whether the cut will be over or under 10% of the area of the road.
d. Use information from a, b, & c to find the correct unit cost below.

a. Classification	b. Age Group	c. Unit Cost	
		<10% of Section Area	≥10% of Section Area
Arterials/Collectors	<10 years	\$2.50	\$4.00
	≥10 years	\$1.50	\$2.50
Residential	<10 years	\$1.50	\$3.00
	≥10 years	\$1.00	\$2.50

2. Find out the estimated length and width of your cut

- Trenchless sewer laterals are typically around 4' x 4'.
- Utility trench standards are often dictated by Utility company
- Size will be checked upon final of permit; any large discrepancies will need to be rectified at that time which may cause the fee to increase.

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3. Figure out if the cut will be over 10% of the block or under.

a. *If under 10% (typical), use the following formula to estimate the fee:*

$$\text{Cut Fee (\$)} = \frac{(\text{Length of Cut (ft)} + 4 \text{ ft}) \times (\text{Width of Cut (ft)} + 4 \text{ ft})}{0.10} \times \text{Unit Cost}$$

Example (common): Sewer lateral replacement on Carmel Ave.

1. Unit cost is \$1 because it is on a residential road, pavement age is over 10 years old, and cut is <10% of section area.
2. 4' x 4' trench is estimated being less than 10% of block area.
3. Use formula a from above: Cut Fee (\$) = ((8x8)/(0.10))*1= \$640.

b. *If over 10% (atypical), use the following formula to estimate the fee:*

$$\text{Cut Fee (\$)} = \text{Full block area(Sq. Ft.)} * \text{Unit Cost}$$

Example (Very Strict Scenario): Large Utility cut on Crespi Drive between Ladera & De Solo.

1. Unit Cost is \$4 because it is on an arterial road, pavement age is less than 10 years, and cut is >10% of section area.
2. 300' by 4' estimated size of trench, this is over 10% of section
3. Use formula b from above: Cut Fee (\$) = 20500 (sq ft) *4=\$82,000